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10. (Amended) A system that processes image data of a color image for marking, the color image containing overmarked pixels where at least one first color is to be overmarked by a second color, the system comprising:

an overmarked pixel designator that generates information that designates the overmarked pixels;

a raster image processor that creates a raster image of the color image, the raster image processor provided with an overmarking function that allows both the at least one first color and the second color to be included in the overmarked pixels of the same raster image; and

an image data modification unit that modifies image data of the overmarked pixels in the raster image.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Nguyen in the June 11, 2002 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the following remarks.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

During the personal interview of June 11, the Examiner indicated that Shaughnessy does not disclose, teach or suggest performing raster image processing to create a raster image of the color image, the raster image processing including overmarking processing that allows both the at least one first color and the second color to be included in the overmarked